

Doctor Packard's Office Building  
32 South Washington Street  
Easton, Maryland 21601

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Nineteenth Century,  
Second Quarter

A two-and-a-half story frame townhouse dating from the second quarter of the nineteenth century, this house is related to the earlier Federal townhouse form, but has bolder, simpler details. The two story front porch with its fine display of sawn wooden ornament is well scaled to both the house and the street. Recently restored, the building was neglected for many years and most interior details and outbuildings have been lost.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Town of Easton

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Doctor Packard's Office Building

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

32 South Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER medical office**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Doctor and Mrs. Gibson Packard

Telephone #: 301-822-4737

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Waverly Island

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 452

Folio #: 601

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Town of Easton Survey by Paul Brinkman

DATE

August 28, 1967

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This large frame house stands at the southeast corner of South Washington and Church Streets. It is three bays wide and quite deep. The gable dormers are centered in the west roof slope. Their shallow roofs are terminated in a simple cornice and return. Like most dormers in the town the cheeks are covered with horizontal siding.

Two tall chimneys are enclosed within the north gable end; they have corbelled caps and are covered with stucco. The roof has a deep cornice and return.

Windows are placed one per bay on the major facades. Six over six sashes are used; the trim is very narrow and edged with a bead.

The main entrance with an overlight is in the south bay. The door has been moved to the right side of the opening, but sidelights remain on the left. The door, a modern replacement, is framed with fluted pilasters.

In 1970, the house was restored. On the exterior a new roof and aluminum siding were installed and the two story front porch was rebuilt. The new porch is a reconstruction of the earlier one. A photograph from the 1967 Town of Easton Survey by Paul Brinkman shows a row of dentils and paired ornamental brackets at the second floor cornice; dentils were also used on the first floor cornice. These decorative details have disappeared, but the carved brackets and the flat balusters of sawn wood have been reused.

Thirty-two South Washington appears much as it did when the double porch was added, probably in the middle of the nineteenth century. In this case the aluminum siding detracts little from the historical character of the structure. The colors, golden-tan with brown trim, are harmonious and well suited to the structure. The expansive porches add variety to this street with its many row buildings.

The dwelling was used as an apartment house for many years; neglect and unsympathetic remodelings during that time destroyed most interior details.

The structure was restored by the owner and is now used as medical offices. A small, one bay addition to the south antedates the main house and was once used as a shop. There is an old two-story ell and more recent additions to the rear. The 1967 survey makes note of "a square pyramidal roofed well-house of horizontal beaded siding" and "a corncrib with elaborately scrolled barge boards". Unfortunately the corncrib has vanished. The well house was moved to the residence of Mrs. Helen Carroll on North Washington Street, Easton.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

Nineteenth Century,  
Second Quarter

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building is significant for its architecture. It is a vernacular house which is related in form to Federal buildings but has bolder, simpler details. The structure was probably constructed during the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The double porch with its fine display of sawn wooden ornament is well scaled to both the house and the street. The structure is a pleasant contribution to the street scape of South Washington.

L452/F601 Doctor A. Gibson Packard, Jr. and his wife Mary Frances bought this structure in 1971 from the estate of Mabel McNeal. This building was included in the first parcel. Thirty-two on Washington Street with a depth of approximately eighty feet on Church Alley. Mabel McNeal was the niece of Ella Clemency James, who, with her husband Solomon T. had bought this property in 1936 for \$6900.00. It was sold at public sale - Rebecca J. Smith and her husband were forced to give it up. Rebecca James, who later married David Smith, paid \$3000.00 for this house in 1906, which she bought from John Mason. It had been purchased in 1904 by John Mason from T. Clark Will Record Mason and had come to the later by the will of his first wife at her death in 1895.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Historic Easton, Incorporated

DATE

Historian

September 13, 1976

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Box 1171

TELEPHONE Mr. Paul Parsons,  
301-822-2706 President

CITY OR TOWN

Easton

STATE

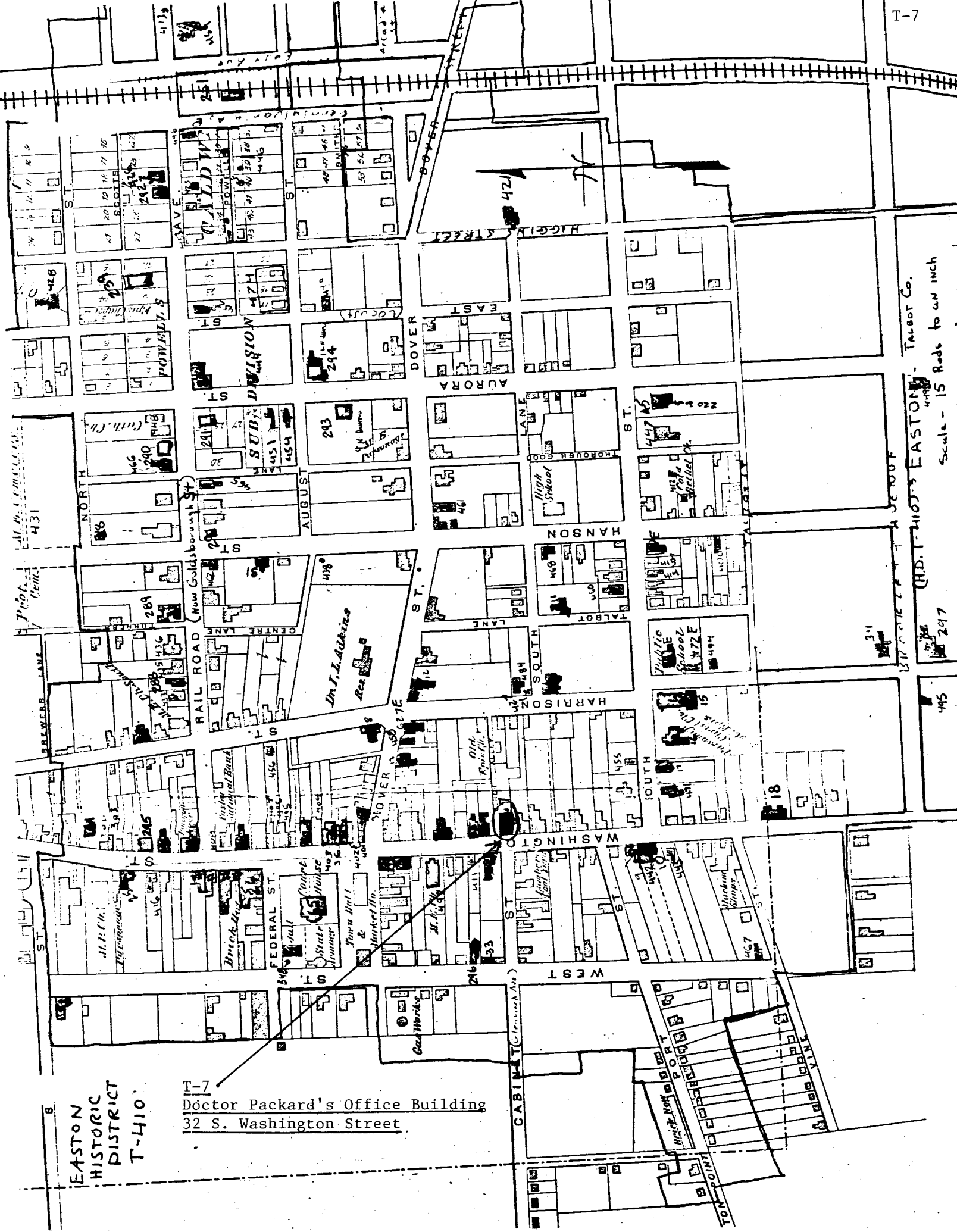
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HISTORIC  
DISTRICT  
T-410

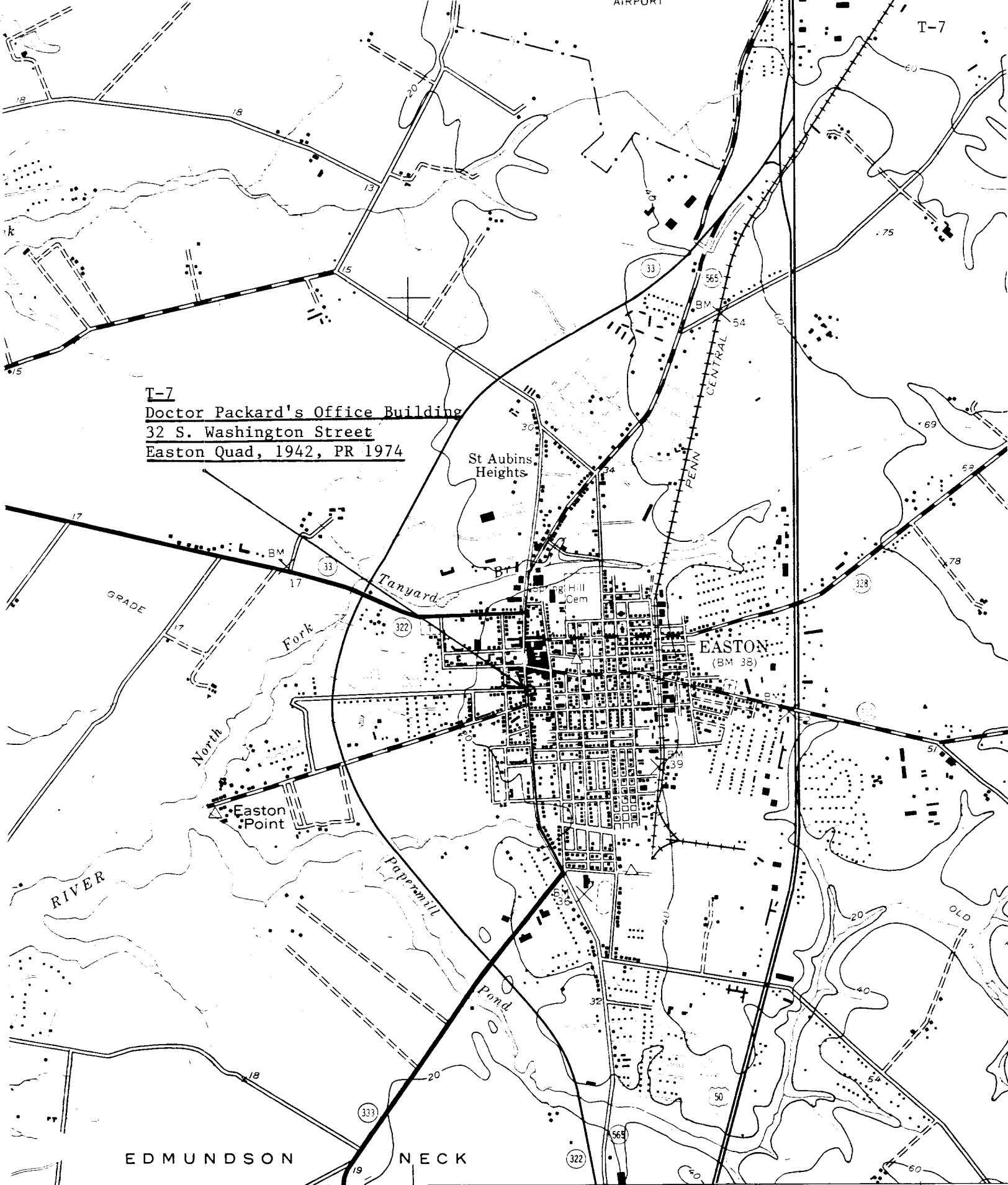
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Talbot Co.

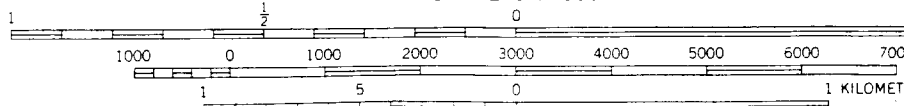
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Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



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32 SOUTH WASHINGTON

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